

DINKELSPIEL ON DRAW POKER

BY GEORGE V. HOBART.

HOME TODAY.—Mein Lieber Son, Looley: I haf received your letter from Chinchinnatti vich informations me dot you stayed up all night Thursday playing poker und only lost a dollar sigety.

If you hat to play poker, Looley, I am glad dat you stayed up all night at it. Ven you fairst mentioned der vord in your letter I was afraid to read farder for fear I would see it dot at 12 o'clock you got a kink in your instep und quit four dollars winner.

If you play der game play it like a sport, Looley, und vear ofershoes to keep your feet varm.

To me, Looley, nuddings vas so disgusting as der poker player dot gets der congestion of der ankles efery time he vins two dollars ofer his car fare.

Poker players vas divided into two classes, Looley, der Companions of der Cold Feet, und der Leadle Brothers of der Boost.

Der Companions of der Cold Feet make der most money; but der Leadle Brothers of der Boost haf all der fun; und dis is a pretty tough old vord if ve don't haf a leedle fun mit each udder, ain't it, Looley?

For instant, Looley, took your Uncle Oscar Schmittberger. He is vun of der Companions of der Cold Feet.

Uncle Oscar nefer sat in a game of poker in his life mitout being prepared to haf pneumonia in both heels der moment he vas ahead of der game sigs dollars' vorth.

Uncle Oscar plays dem close to his appendicitis, Looley, und efery time he fills a four-flush he feels an awful draught on der floor.

He has his feet so vell trained dot efery time der owner rakes in a pot mit eight blue checks in it dey gif him der icehouse signal to cease firing und cash in before der bank eggplodes.

Ve hat a leedle poker party at home last Monday night und for seferal days afterwards ve enchoyed der money left mit us by our luffing neighbors.

Dare vas your mother, und Uncle Oscar und his wife, und Ludwig Beerhaben und his wife und Gust Schmals und myself, yet.

Ludwig is a charter member of der Leadle Brothers of der Boost, und he can laugh louder

und mean it ven he loses two dollars den any man I efer met.

But Ludwig's wife is der Corresponding Secretary in der Woman's Annex to der Companions of der Cold Feet.

She turns your Uncle Oscar a close second for getting frappe in der pedala.

Efery time Ludwig's wife is separated from fifty cents someding in her mind seems to gif away mit a crash.

Ludwig's wife luffs money so much dot efery time she beta a blue chip she shuts her eyes und pretends it vas only a vite vun.

Any time you see a silver dollar mit all der tailfadders pulled out of der eagle you can bet det bird vunce belonged to Ludwig's wife un der parting vas a bitter vun.

Vell, anyway, Looley, I opened der fairst check-pot last Monday efening und eferybody dropped out aggecept Ludwig's wife und your mother.

You know, Looley, I like your mother. She is der only wife I efer hat und der only vun I efer vich to haf, und so I say it from my heart dot she plays poker like a Velch rabbit, vich is mitout form und full of dark surprises.

From der financial point of view, Looley, your mother is der best fellow dot efer drew cards, but mit regards to der technicalities of der game she is vot der ancient Greeks would call a Patricia Bolivar.

Vell, anyway, Looley, to make a long story lose its cunning, your mother vaved a fond fare-vell after losing four dollars, vich vas all in der family anyway, but Ludwig's wife bit her lips und trailed along until she hat sent sefen of Ludwig's goot dollars to der Bad Lands, den she called me.

Ven I laid down four typewriters she called me again, but I would hate to tell you how und vich.

Nefer before, Looley, in der history of der game dit vun voman got so mad in so many different places at der same time.

You see, Looley, she hat four deuces all der time und after der fairst bet she began to buy a new dress. After der second bet she hat selected der trimmings. After der third bet she changed der material und took someding more eggspensive. After der fourth bet she de-

cided to pick out a imported dressmaker on Fifth avenue, und after der fifth bet she felt wealthy enough to go dare in a cab.

Pretty soon came der awful awakening und she hat to put dot dress back in der store.

I don't dink Ludwig's wife vill efer quite recofer from der shock. She vill be a saddened voman all her life unless a rich relative dies somevare und leaves her sefen dollars.

Und to make matters more like a life insurance investigation about ten minutes later Gust Schmals stung your Uncle Oscar for five dollars und seventy-five cents, vich caused your Uncle to haf an internal fit vich nearly became epidemic all ofer his system.

Und dus it happened, Looley, dot dese two members in goot standing in der ancient order of der Companions of der Cold Feet hat to sit dare all der efening und play dem close trying to get dare money back, vich dey dittent.

Der mills of der gods grind slow, Looley, but vunce in a vile dey grind out someding vorth vile.

Play poker, if you must, Looley, but always keep your rubbers on.

Dis goes for der neck as vell as der feet. Yours mit luff,
D. DINKELSPIEL,
Per George V. Hobart.

Mr. J. M. Barrie never writes for more than two hours a day, und is a slow worker.

The late Henry Harland is said to have received \$70,000 from one of his novels, but his manner of working killed him.

M. Jusseland, the French Ambassador to this country, is a voluminous author, whose works abundantly show the thoroughness of the writer.

With reference to a recent marriage, London Truth says that so many actresses are becoming peeresses that the aristocracy of Great Britain should soon be known as the actressesocracy.

Bathtubs made of glass are being manufactured in Germany. They are made in a solid piece, und one can be turned out in five minutes. The tubs are said to have advantages over metal und enamel, one being that they are much cheaper.

According to reports from Illinois und Indiana, sometimes in those states are filling with water as the result of the fact that the pumpmen und engineers have not gone to work. The operators are going before President Mitchell of the Miners' Union und demand to know if it is by his authority that the pumpmen und engineers are out of the mines in question, when all are Union mines in these two states und the Union agreed to keep the pumpmen at work.

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There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, und until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease und prescribed local remedies, und by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease und therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood und mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars und testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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CALLING HIM DOWN QUIETLY

Uproarious Supplication "Salacious-ly" Squelched by Parson Pageter.

"While I isn't namin' no names und don't aim to be pussional in muh specifications," said good old Parson Bagster, during a recent sermon, according to Fack. "I is bodadously impelled to request a certain worthy brudder to ya after please be a leetle mo' economical wid his vociferation. It am all right to soah aloft to a reasonable height in pra' and praise, but when a man sings so volcantly dat he drowns de choir plunt out und causes de constable to come uh-swaggerin' round after he thinks de free fight am all over, und prays so loud und numerous dat de pubsidin' elder 'nominates it a 'sturbance radder dan a supplication, it am sho'ly 'propriate for dat anonymous brudder to take a tuck in his vocality. De frivolous deems it funny, de devout am shoeeked und de sick und conflicted in de neighborhood am 'sturbed of der rest; und it 'pears to me dat dat zealous, but elaborate brudder am elected to turn off his breath 'stid o' blowin' it out."

"Yassah! Yassah!" doggedly replied brother Shimpaw, the culprit, rising in his place in the midst of the congregation. "But I wants yo' to un'erstand, sah, dat I's a free und unlimited moral agent, und has de right to worship de Lawd accordin' to de indications of muh own conscience, sah!"

"Yo' sho'ly is, muh brudder," replied the clergyman, "and yo' also most salaciously has! Whuh we differ in de matter am on de extent of de longitude to be pubmitted in de stretchin' of yo' conscience. And I begs to elucidate dat it ain't needer praise nor worship to 'r' back und holier at de Lawd like he vas a balky hoss! De hat will now circumbulate th'oo de congregation. Hur-rumph!"

EACH VILLAGE A VENICE.

Strange Relic of Ancient Customs Prevailing in a German Forest.

One of the most interesting regions in the "old fatherland" is the so-called "Spreewald," the Forest of the Spree, situated not far from the German capital, in the province of Brandenburg, says the Technical World. Each village is a little Venice, every house a little island, und these islets are connected by bridges sufficiently raised to allow boats to pass under them.

Most of the houses, with their barns und stables, rest on piles, und there is generally a strip of artificial terra firma either in front or at the rear of every building. By means of these land strips und of the bridges the slender land communication is kept throughout the district, but most of the business und amusement is carried on through the canals, which not only form the main highways but penetrate and cross und recross the whole region.

It is on these lagoons that all traffic is conducted in boats during the period from spring, when the last vestiges of frost und ice are disappearing, until the end of autumn. You see the letter carrier shoot up und down the canals, performing his duties in his frail craft; the police glide leisurely along the banks, watching everything going on; peasants bring the products of their toil to the nearest towns; children go to and from school; young mothers, dressed in their Sunday clothes, are rowed to church, carrying in their arms a small, queer-looking bundle from which two large eyes in a tiny face stare at the stranger in wonderment—baby is going to be baptized, an important moment with this strongly religious people.

Ancient Fish Story.

Here is an eighteenth century fish story. It is told in a letter written by a traveler in Russia to a woman in England. A vessel laden with the latest fashions from Paris was run down in the channel of St. Petersburg. "The next day," the writer says, "a salmon was caught in the Neva, dressed in a white satin petticoat; und in the same net were found two large cod, with muslin handkerchiefs round their necks. The sharks und porpoises were observed in gowns of the latest taste, und hardly was there a fish that did not display some of the freshest Faisian fashions that ever visited the north."

Queen's Modest Treasures.

Of her many treasures Queen Alexandra values most a modest milk jug of earthenware, which she keeps in the boudoir attached to her dairy at Sandringham. It was given to her by a poor dying girl, whose later days had been soothed by the tender nursing und sympathy of Princess Alexandra. When the queen entertains any very exalted guest at afternoon tea in her Swiss chalet, it is from this humble, but priceless, jug that she pours the cream.

Only One Obstacle.

Mrs. Hewlugs—Absalom, they say there is going to be another coal strike. What is to hinder us from putting in our next winter's supply?

Mr. Hewlugs—Why—er—nothing, Amanda, except that I haven't paid for the coal we're using now.—Chicago Tribune.

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Salton Sea in Southern California Freezes, Salt Gathers and There It Is.

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The water of the lake being salt, it has, in freezing, deposited upon the surface, quantities of salt, which, by the action of the desert winds, has collected in windrows upon the ice. This has given rise to a new industry, or rather to the revival of an old industry. Thousands of cattle have been driven to this neighborhood from the great ranges to the north und south, und the business of slaughtering und meat packing is being carried on upon an enormous scale, the salt ice und for the purpose being right at hand. How long this will last is of course problematical.

In the meantime the good people of Imperial on the sea are greatly enjoying their skating, a pastime which they have not enjoyed since the founding of the town until this date.

Oldest Missourian.

Frederick Saugrain, the oldest native-born person in the Louisiana purchase, celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of his birth a few days ago at his home in Sedalia, Mo. Mr. Saugrain is the son of Dr. Anton Francois Saugrain, the friend of Benjamin Franklin und the "pioneer scientist of the Mississippi valley." The centenarian was born at the Saugrain home in St. Louis 100 years ago.

Ice from Mont Blanc Glacier.

A company has been formed to cut into the Mont Blanc glacier in Switzerland at a height of 4,000 feet. The ice is mined with dynamite und the blocks are cut into cubes und sent into the valley by a narrow gauge railway. There they are cleaned und then sent by train to southern France.

New Nomenclature.

It is the opinion of the London Daily News that with "All-of-a-sudden Peggy" we may be entering upon a new era of nomenclature, und that critics may shortly expect invitations to "More-or-less William," "Day-after-to-morrow Dolly," "Deliberately-and-of-malice-aforethought Julia," und so forth.

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